

PTSAC

Sub-committee Recommendation: Bicycle Ride Along

Date: November 2, 2010

Subcommittee: Bicycle Access and Safety

Subcommittee Chairperson/s: Steve Friedman and Peter Moe

Other Participants and Technical Advisors: Alan Migdall

Subcommittee Charge: Support the PTSAC's mission through discussion and analysis of county-wide issues affecting bicyclists access and safety and to make recommendations on such issues.

Recommendations: Recommended that the PTSAC approve a request to invite bicycle advocates to lead a series of rides with police, traffic engineers and county lawmakers to see some of the traffic and road issues from the bicyclists perspective.

Justification and Explanation: As a follow up to last year's meeting with the police chiefs, ask bicycle advocates to lead a series of rides to include other key police and traffic engineering and decision making personnel around to personally observe some of the conditions that bicyclists articulate in various forums. This can help foster better relationships with law enforcement officials and can help improve enforcement of laws routinely broken both motorists and cyclists as well as educate to reduce conflict between the parties.

Additionally, the inclusion of key county traffic engineering and decision making personnel (county council members) could help frame the perspective of bicyclists requests for improvements in a way that resonates more as seen by bicyclists. The ride dates and routes will be worked out once there is a commitment for participation by invited parties.

Motion Approved by PTSAC: